

Art Unit: 1639

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chainey Singleton on 9/28/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

**CLAIMS:**

Claim 1, line 4, "a" at second and third occurrences have been deleted.

Claim 1, lines <sup>6-7</sup>~~5-6~~ "a thioaptamers (S-ODN) or a dithioaptamers (S2-ODN)" have been deleted, and ---thioaptamers comprises one or more but less than all of the linkages--- has been inserted.

Claim 17, line 1, after claim 1, ---wherein the ---- has been inserted.

Claim 17, line 33, after to, "the" has been deleted, and replaced with ----an---.

Claim 27, lines 1-2, after is, "one or more proteins" have been replaced with ---a protein. ----